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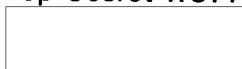


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SS-20 WARHEAD CANISTERS IN THE USSR (TSR)

1. (TSR) Since 1977, two types of SS-20 warhead canisters have been seen at the [redacted] [redacted] at seven of the SS-20 mobile bases, the Kapustin Yar Missile Receiving/Instrumentation/Storage Area ([redacted]), and the Serpukhov SSM Engineering/Training Facility [redacted]

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2. (TSR) The canisters are about [redacted] The smaller canister (Figure 1) has been seen at Drovyanaya Mobile IRBM Base 1 [redacted] the [redacted] at Postavy Mobile IRBM Base [redacted] Kozhanovchi Mobile IRBM Base [redacted] Mozyr Mobile IRBM Base/Training Facility [redacted] Serpukhov, and Kapustin Yar. The larger canister has been seen at Drovyanaya, Novosibirsk SSM Launch Position 1 [redacted] Konkovich Mobile IRBM Base [redacted] Mozyr, and Serpukhov. The presence of these two types of canisters at SS-20-associated facilities suggests that the smaller canister is probably for individual warheads and the larger canister is probably for the entire SS-20 payload package.

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3. (TSR) Further analysis has also revealed that the three objects reported as possible SS-20 warhead canisters at Mozyr on [redacted] are small single-axle generator trailers and not warhead canisters.¹

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REFERENCES

IMAGERY

(TSR) All available KEYHOLE imagery acquired through [redacted] was used in the preparation of this report.

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DOCUMENT

1. NPIC, [redacted] IIR-018/79, *Possible SS-20 MIRV Warhead Canisters Identified at Mozyr Mobile IRBM Base, USSR (TSR)*, 11 May 79 (TOP SECRET [redacted])

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¹Extracted material is TOP SECRET R.

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